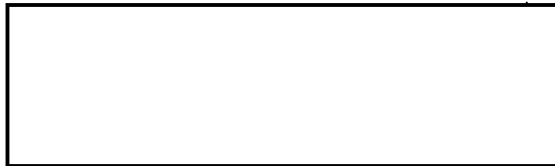


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Staff (SWS) Alert List

1. The attached memo to Mr. Colby responds to his interest in the SWS Alert List. Specifically, he is concerned with the degree questions in the Alert List are answered and the impact of these questions on analysts and collectors. Major Anselmo was your action officer on this item.

2. Mr. Colby addressed his questions on the Alert List to the DDI and the NIOs as well as to the IC Staff. The DDI action officer, [redacted] recommended to Mr. Proctor that the IC Staff response serve also as the DDI response because our findings were similar. Mr. Proctor agreed, and your memorandum to Mr. Colby reflects this. The NIO response, however--which consists of personal NIO perceptions rather than those of collectors and analysts--is being forwarded separately by Mr. Carver. I suggest that you forward this through [redacted], who can be sure the two responses go to Mr. Colby together.

3. The findings are based on interviews with representatives from the SWS, DIA, CIA, State/INR, and NSA. In general, the comments from these representatives tracked with those expressed by [redacted] the Director of SWS.

4. No recommendations are suggested. Some minor problem areas that surfaced during the review are already being taken care of by the respective agency involved.

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5. As you already know, [Redacted] has expressed concern about the lack of personnel support to the SWS by State/INR, Army, and Navy. This problem is not addressed in the memo to Mr. Colby because I understand you plan to bring this matter to Mr. Colby's attention in early September when the SWS will be discussed at USIB. As you requested, we are looking into this problem area and will forward a note for you to give to Mr. Colby in hopes of prodding some action on his part.

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